embezzled, the goods made away, and the places of fellows and
scholars publicly sold

ijth August THE COUNT MOMPELGARD SUMMONED TO COURT

The Count Mompelgard being summoned to the Court
which is now at Reading, arrived there about noon and lodged
with the Mayor Hardly had he changed his apparel when the
Earl of Essex visited him in his lodging, welcoming him in the
Queen's name and inviting him to take dinner in his apartments,
whither the Count was conveyed in a coach After being most
sumptuously feasted, he was entertained with sweet and enchant-
ing music The repast being ended, he was again accompanied
by the Earl of Essex to his lodging, but shortly afterwards he was
summoned by the Queen and conducted to her own apartments

i8tk August THE COUNT MOMPELGARD AGAIN VISITS THE QUEEN

In the afternoon the Count had another audience with the
Queen, when she herself made and delivered an appropriate
speech in the French language m the presence of Monsieur de
Beauvoir, whom she holds in especial favour After he had been
conversing with her in a very lively and good-humoured manner
he so far prevailed on her that she played very sweetly and skil-
fully on her instrument, the strings of which are of gold and
silver

2oth August THE COUNT MOMPELGARD AT WINDSOR

The Count was conducted to Windsor, and the day being
Sunday, he visited the Chapel where he listened for more than an
hour to the music, the usual ceremonies and the English sermon
He noted especially the beauty of the playing of the organ and
the singing of a little boy, finding the ceremonies very similar to

the papists* Dinner being ended the Count with the English
and French deputies went to inspect the Castle of Windsor, and
on the lead of the highest tower of all he hath cut his name
After this, he was shown the beautiful royal bed-hangings and
tapestries of gold and fine silk, also a unicorn's horn and other
costly things

2ist August GREENE'S * BLACK BOOK'S MESSENGER '

Greene's *Slack Book's Messenger* is entered, wherein is laid
open the life and death of Ned Browne, one of the most notable